Introduced by Senator Leno

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 105205 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 759, as introduced, Leno. Aerial spraying of pesticide: inert ingredients: information.

Existing law establishes various programs for the prevention of disease and the promotion of health to be administered by the State Department of Public Health, including, but not limited to, programs relating to the reporting of pesticide poisoning.

Existing law establishes a program under the jurisdiction of the Department of Food and Agriculture for invasive pest planning, including, but not limited to, invasive pest eradication through aerial spraying of urban areas.

This bill would, in the case of aerial pesticide spraying near residential or sensitive areas, require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to use prescribed information regarding the effects of pesticides, including inert ingredients, to develop educational material for distribution to physicians and surgeons and to the public.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 105205 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:

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105205. (a) The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment shall develop and implement, in cooperation with local health officers and state and local medical associations, a program of medical education to alert physicians and other health care professionals to the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and reporting of pesticide poisoning.

(b) In the case of aerial pesticide spraying near residential or sensitive areas, the office shall utilize information obtained pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 5262 of the Food and Agricultural Code regarding the effects of pesticides, including inert pesticide ingredients, in developing educational material for distribution to physicians and surgeons and to the public.